

## Education & Development

### Family Law Experts Convene in Long Beach

Family law experts travel to Long Beach this spring to provide education for those involved in California's family courts on topics such as international child abduction and resolving child custody disputes in high-conflict families.

The 16th Annual Center for Families, Children & the Courts' (CFCC's) Family Court Services Statewide Educational Institute takes place March 21–23 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach. Concurrently, the Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) is holding its Family Law and Procedure Institute March 20–23 at the city's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The conferences will present joint seminars on Friday, March 22. Family law judges and court services staff from both conferences will have the opportunity to convene in county teams and discuss topics focusing on meeting the distinct needs of families and children in family court. Faculty at the crossover sessions will bring together expert practitioners, administrators, and policymakers from around the state. These sessions will focus on topics such as child development in the real world, special needs children in mediation and evaluation, child sexual abuse, and intervening in domestic violence cases.

Participants at both conferences will also have the chance to meet at a joint dinner reception hosted by CJER on Thursday evening and again on Friday at a luncheon hosted by CFCC. Keynote luncheon speakers, CFCC Director Diane Nunn and CFCC's Supervising Attorney Michael A. Fischer, will discuss how to increase both access to justice and trust in the courts in the midst of change.

CFCC's institute is expected to draw more than 400 program managers, child custody mediators, evaluators, and investigators. Clark Kelso, scholar-in-residence at the Administrative Office of the Courts, will be the institute's keynote speaker. In addition, the initiation of specialty tracks will provide the opportunity for participants to receive in-depth training in management and policy issues, research, domestic violence protocols for family court services, and child custody evaluation and mediation practices. The institute will offer workshops and plenary sessions featuring statewide and national experts speaking on such topics as developing services for fathers, families in supervised visitation, interviewing children, understanding be-

havioral symptoms of children in the context of divorce, and dependency mediation.

CJER's Family Law and Procedure Institute will feature workshops for family law judges and commissioners on emerging and ever-changing areas of family law. It will offer courses on issues such as international child abduction, avoiding conflicting domestic violence orders, softening the effects of move-aways, prenuptial agreements, and management of high-conflict families.

● For more information on CFCC's Family Court Services Statewide Educational Institute, contact Susan Hanks, 415-865-7639; e-mail: [susan.hanks@jud.ca.gov](mailto:susan.hanks@jud.ca.gov) or Stacey Mangni, 415-865-7659; e-mail: [stacey.mangni@jud.ca.gov](mailto:stacey.mangni@jud.ca.gov). For more information on CJER's Family Law and Procedure Institute, contact Karene Alvarado, 415-865-7761; e-mail: [karene.alvarado@jud.ca.gov](mailto:karene.alvarado@jud.ca.gov).

## CJER BENCHTIPS

### Guidelines for Ex Parte Rulings

In civil cases, ex parte applications are frequently made in connection with discovery matters. The following are some of the factors that judges should consider when deciding whether to grant such applications.

**Notice.** The threshold question is whether the applicant gave the required notice. In some courts, about half of all ex parte applications fail to get past this threshold. The party seeking the ex parte order must notify all parties no later than 10:00 a.m. on the court day preceding the ex parte appearance. This notice must specify the nature of the relief being requested and when and where the application will be presented. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 379(b)–(c).)

**Urgency.** The next most frequent reason for the denial of ex parte applications is failure to establish the need for urgent action. The unsuccessful applicant's remedy is a noticed motion.

**Nature of relief sought.** The relief sought should be a strictly temporary measure, with time being of the essence. When the application involves time limitations, the nature of the order sought affects the result. For example, although extensions of time are generally disfavored, less justification may be required for an extension of time (see Code Civ. Proc., § 1054) than for

an order shortening time. The latter is more likely to raise doubts about fairness and due process.

**Applicant's actions.** Many judges focus on how the situation necessitating an ex parte order arose and whether it was caused by the applicant's actions or inaction. For example, most judges believe that an applicant seeking an ex parte order shortening time for a motion to compel further answers to interrogatories must, after the Code of Civil Procedure section 2024(a) cutoff date for discovery, show more than that the answers are necessary to prepare for trial. If the applicant fails to make a timely motion for the compelling order due to lack of diligence, the order will usually be denied. Some judges require an applicant to show that the circumstances creating the need for an ex parte order are beyond its control, e.g., that there are new developments that could not reasonably have been anticipated.

**Opponent's actions.** It strengthens an ex parte application if the need for it is caused by an opponent's obstructive actions. For example, if, in a personal injury case, the defendant applies for an ex parte order shortening the time for a motion to compel a medical examination after the cutoff date for discovery, many judges would grant the application if it is supported by a showing that the plaintiff's attorney reneged on an agreement to produce the plaintiff for an updated examination before the cutoff date.

**Prejudice to opponent's case.** A requested departure from noticed motion procedures should not unfairly affect the opponent's case. The opponent is entitled to rely on these procedures.

● For further details, see the 2001 update to CJER's *California Judges Benchbook: Civil Proceedings–Discovery*, sections 2.5–2.5J. Judges can obtain copies at no charge by contacting Kathy Pearce at 415-865-7805; e-mail: [kathy.pearce@jud.ca.gov](mailto:kathy.pearce@jud.ca.gov).

## RESOURCES

### Help With Science Issues

The increase in state court cases involving science and technology issues is hard to miss, according to the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). In August the center debuted its new online Science, Technology, and the Law (ST&L) Resource Center, a tool to help judges, law clerks, and court staffs understand the science and technology issues reflected in the cases on their dockets. The online resource center offers information about recent benchbooks, conferences, and articles in the scientific and technological fields.

### New Network for Court Communicators

In January 2002, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) launched a new knowledge- and resource-sharing tool for court staff involved in communications and media/community outreach.

The new public information network, PINetwork, comprises a listserv and companion Web site. The listserv is an e-mail forum for sharing news and experience, where subscribers can ask questions and announce outreach opportunities, conferences, trainings, publications, resources, recruitments, and other matters related to enhancing the public's understanding of the courts. The listserv is moderated to avoid extraneous postings.

PINetwork's companion Web pages, located on Serranus, the California judicial branch's nonpublic Web site, at <http://serranus.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/pin>, serve as a showcase for model projects—a place for participants to share best practices and other information. Current online offerings include:

▼ **Media Relations**—Press tips, crisis communication plans, and other media resources.

▼ **Speakers' Resources**—Talking points, speakers' bureau materials, and templates of speeches for delivery to the public.

▼ **Model Projects**—Success stories, with templates and other how-to tools.

▼ **Publications**—Sample print materials that can be downloaded, customized, and reused.

▼ **Resources/Reference**—Links to the most helpful resources available to court public relations staff.

PINetwork's Web resources will grow as subscribers share their best work with other court staffs.

"Although most courts take an active role in enhancing the public's perception of the court system, few have the resources for full-time, dedicated public information staff," notes Pat Sweeten, Director of Executive Office Programs at the AOC. "What PINetwork will do is facilitate the sharing of resources between the courts and the AOC and among court staff involved in outreach activities around the state. It's working as smart as we can with the resources we have."

The PINetwork is the latest in a series of initiatives in recent years by the courts and the AOC to improve public trust and confidence in the state judicial system. Among them are the publication in 1999 of the comprehensive court and community collaboration handbook, *Dialogue: Courts Reaching Out to Their Communities*, accessible via the PINetwork Web site, and ongoing media relations efforts with the ethnic press.

● To subscribe to AOC's PINetwork, or for more information about it, visit the PINetwork site at <http://serranus.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/pin>, or contact Mark Pothier, Office of Communications, 415-865-7448; e-mail: [mark.pothier@jud.ca.gov](mailto:mark.pothier@jud.ca.gov). For more information on how to gain access to Serranus, call the AOC's Information Services division, 415-865-7400; e-mail: [helpdesk@jud.ca.gov](mailto:helpdesk@jud.ca.gov).

It also features a "frequently asked questions" section.

NCSC will continue to add newly identified resources and developments in science to the site.

● Visit NCSC's ST&L Resource Center at [www.ncsc.dni.us/research/st&l](http://www.ncsc.dni.us/research/st&l).

### NCSC Highlights State Court Trends

State courts across the United States are becoming increasingly user-friendly and making significant improvements to jury service, according to a recent report

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## Court Briefs

### Riverside Court Helping Parents

December 14 marked the fifth commencement ceremony of

the Riverside Family Law Substance Abuse Court, a specialized program where court officials adjust their traditional roles in order to work as a treatment team. The common goal of all involved in the program is to provide treatment to substance-abusing parents so that they can be reunited with their children.

The family law substance abuse court is entirely voluntary—the potential for reunification with their children is the parents' primary incentive to participate.

To finish the program, parents must successfully complete drug abuse treatment, obtain or make an effort to obtain a general equivalency diploma (GED), and demonstrate the proper skills for parenting and conflict resolution. ■

## MILESTONES

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) has inducted **Sheila Gonzalez**, Regional Administrative Director, Southern Region, for the Administrative Office of the Courts, into the Warren E. Burger Society. The Burger Society honors individuals who have demonstrated the

highest commitment to improving the administration of justice through extraordinary contributions of service and support to the National Center for State Courts.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Chief Judge Annice Wagner of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who also chairs NCSC's Board of Directors and is president of the Conference of Chief Justices, inducted the Burger Society's new members.

Ms. Gonzalez spent 14 years as executive officer of the Superior Court of Ventura County before accepting the post as the southern regional director for the AOC in February 2001. During her time as Ventura County's executive officer, Ms. Gonzalez started a free legal clinic in Ventura's courthouse, installed kiosks in malls allowing people to pay traffic tickets electronically, spearheaded the computerization of the court's case filing system, and oversaw the unification of the county's municipal and superior courts.

Ms. Gonzalez is a former member of the NCSC's Board of Directors and has served on its Advisory Committee on Technology. She has also served on the Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Association for Court Management's Joint Technology Committee, and as president of the National Association for Court Management.

The American Bar Association (ABA) honored the **Superior Court of Napa County** with

its Outstanding Law Day Activity award. The award, which will be presented at the ABA's midyear conference in February, recognizes the Napa court's Law Day activities that centered around the theme of "Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children."

Napa's Law Day event brought together more than 25 agencies of the justice community at a legal fair on the courthouse grounds to showcase the kinds of legal assistance and services that are available to the community. Prior to the legal fair, children in schools throughout Napa County competed in poster and photography contests focusing on the Law Day theme.

Justice Served, an alliance of court management and justice experts providing consultation and training services, selected the Web site of the **Superior Court of Ventura County** as the top court site in the United States and Canada. Justice Served's Top Ten Court Web Sites awards honor innovative courts that make their services available to the public via Internet applications.

Ventura's Web site, located at [www.courts.countyofventura.org](http://www.courts.countyofventura.org), includes online calendars, online traffic ticket payment, case indexes for civil and criminal courts, docket information, online grand jury applications, e-filing capabilities, and bilingual online community outreach and customer service surveys. The Superior Court of Sacramento County's site was also included among Justice Served's Top Ten. ■

### Yolo County Recognizes Service

Judges in the Superior Court of Yolo County recently acknowledged and honored staff, attorneys, and other county departments for their dedication and contribution in providing judicial support and services. The Annual Awards Presentation and Luncheon, held November 7 at the county administration building in Woodland, was attended by 120 court staff and others invited by the court judiciary.

Charlotte Beal (center) receives a plaque from Judge W. Arvid Johnson, recognizing her 4-year service on the Yolo County Grand Jury.



Pictured along with Ms. Beal and Judge Johnson are Courtroom Clerk Marilyn Juarez (left), who was honored for 20 years of service, and Courtroom Clerk LouAnn Almaraz (right), who, with 30 years of service, is the court's longest-serving employee. Photo: Courtesy of the Superior Court of Yolo County

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by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). At the same time, state courts have grown more concerned about weighing privacy versus access to court records and balancing heightened security with full and easy public access to court facilities.

The NCSC identifies these and other trends in its 2001 edition of *Annual Report Trends in the State Courts*. The report examines emerging issues, novel practices, and broad issues that could affect state courts in the future. Among the topics covered in the report are nonprofit status options for courts, competency of counsel, the impact of changing demographics on the criminal justice system, online divorce records, programs for self-represented litigants and other customer service trends, and shifting federal-state relations.

● For more information or copies of the full report, contact NCSC's Knowledge Management Office at 800-616-6164, e-mail [knowledge@ncsc.dni.us](mailto:knowledge@ncsc.dni.us), or visit NCSC's Web site at [www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org).

### CFCC Journal Provides Expert Analysis

In the latest issue of the *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*, experts discuss the problem of disproportionate confinement of minority youth, the differences in the mental health needs of male and female juvenile offenders, the treatment of sexually abusive youth, and other pressing juvenile dependency issues. This is the Center for Families, Children & the Courts' (CFCC) third annual journal, a yearly publication featuring a full spectrum of viewpoints on nationally important issues affecting children, families, and their interactions with the courts. The journal encourages scholars and practitioners to engage in dialogue on global issues with the goal of improving judicial policy in California.

This volume of the *Journal* expands on topics discussed at CFCC's 2001 Juvenile Delinquency and the Courts conference. It draws on the expertise of academics, judicial officers, lawyers, social service providers, and children experienced in the juvenile justice system. The authors explore issues in depth, looking at a variety of ap-

proaches to preventing youth crime and working with young offenders. CFCC anticipates using the *Journal* as a reference for participants at its upcoming 2002 Juvenile Delinquency and the Courts conference to be held August 15-16 in Berkeley.

Following is a sampling of the articles presented:

◆ Willie McCarney, Justice of the Peace in Northern Ireland, gives an account of the evolution of the worldwide restorative justice movement. Evaluating a wide variety of approaches to restorative justice, he urges the development of a set of standards to guide future restorative justice programs.

◆ Dana Baerger and John Lyons, researchers at Northwestern University; Peter Quigley, from the National Council on Crime & Delinquency; and Eugene Griffin, from the Illinois Office of Mental Health, explore the differences in the mental health needs of male and female juvenile detainees.

◆ James Bell, of the W. Haywood Burns Institute, and Judith Cox, Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Santa Cruz County, outline the problem of disproportionate confinement of minority youth, exploring its causes—from socioeconomic factors to

racial animus—and tracing the evolution of systemic responses to the problem. They conclude by evaluating Santa Cruz County's effort to combat the disproportionate representation of youth of color in its own juvenile justice system.

◆ Tom Leversee and Christy Pearson, researchers in Denver, examine trends in the treatment of sexually abusive youth. They employ recent research to contest the assumption that young sex offenders need lifetime supervision and treatment to prevent recidivism. They suggest that policies should strike a balance between the permissive and punitive extremes that they have oscillated between during the past 20 years.

◆ Evans Lowry, a teenager detained at the San Francisco Youth Guidance Center, tells how his "life of crime" evolved and gives his impressions of the juvenile justice system.

● To obtain a copy of the *Journal*, visit CFCC's Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/resources/publications/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/resources/publications/) or contact Corby Sturges, 415-865-4220; e-mail: [corby.sturges@jud.ca.gov](mailto:corby.sturges@jud.ca.gov). ■



# Judicial Appointments

The Governor announced the following judicial appointments in November and December 2001.

## COURTS OF APPEAL

**Judith Ashman**, Superior Court of Los Angeles County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two, succeeding Candace Cooper.

**Richard D. Fybel**, Superior Court of Orange County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three, filling a newly created position.

**Linda M. Gemello**, Su-

perior Court of San Mateo County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Five, filling a newly created position.

**Sandra L. Margulies**, Superior Court of Alameda County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division One, succeeding James J. Marchiano, who was elevated to presiding justice, succeeding Gary E. Strankman, retired.

**Stuart R. Pollak**, Superior Court of San Francisco County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Three, suc-

ceeding Herbert Walker, retired.

**Maria P. Rivera**, Superior Court of Contra Costa County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, Division Four, succeeding Laurence D. Kay, who was elevated to presiding justice, succeeding Daniel Hanlon, retired.

**Ronald B. Robie**, Superior Court of Sacramento County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, filling a newly created position.

**Conrad L. Rushing**, Superior Court of Santa Clara County, to Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, filling a newly created position.

## TRIAL COURTS

**Thomas H. Cahraman** to the Superior Court of River-

side County, filling a newly created position.

**Anne H. Egerton** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Harvey A. Schneider, retired.

**Joe W. Hilberman** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Thomas Schneider, retired.

**Carolyn Kirkwood** to the Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding Ronald Owen, retired.

**Newton J. Lam** to the Superior Court of San Francisco County, succeeding Ina Levin Gyemant, retired.

**Luis A. Lavin** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Paul I. Metzler, retired.

**Lisa B. Lench** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, filling a newly created position.

**Gilbert M. Lopez** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Patrick Murphy, resigned.

**Peter J. Polos** to the Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding John W. McOwen, retired.

**Joel M. Pressman** to the Superior Court of San Diego County, succeeding David B. Moon, Jr., retired.

**Claudia Silbar** to the Superior Court of Orange County, succeeding John Ryan, retired.

**Michael L. Stern** to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, succeeding Thomas Allen, retired.

**Jon S. Tigar** to the Superior Court of Alameda County, filling a newly created position.

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# Calendar

### CONFERENCES

JAN 28–29	Trial Court Budget Conference, San Francisco
JAN 30–FEB 1	California Judicial Administration Conference, San Francisco
FEB 19–22	California Family Support Council Training Conference, Palm Springs
MAR 3–5	National Association for Court Management Midyear Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia
MAR 15–17	California Judges Association Retired Judges Conference, Monterey
MAR 21–23	Family Court Services Statewide Educational Institute, Long Beach
APR 16–20	Statewide Conference on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts, San Francisco
APR 26–28	California Judges Association Midyear Conference, Palm Springs

### JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Judicial Council business meetings will be held at the Administrative Office of the Courts in San Francisco unless otherwise noted.

JAN 30                      MAR 1                      APR 19

- Contact: Secretariat and Conference Services, 415-865-7640, or e-mail: [jcservices@courtinfo.ca.gov](mailto:jcservices@courtinfo.ca.gov). Judicial Council meeting information is also posted on the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/).

### JUDICIAL EDUCATION

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FEB 21–22	Probate and Mental Health Institute, Sonoma
FEB 28–MAR 2	Civil Law Institute, San Diego
MAR 14–15	Computer Class, Los Angeles
MAR 20–23	Family Law Institute, Long Beach
APR 11–13	Juvenile Law Institute, Seaside
APR 14–19	Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Spring Session, San Francisco
APR 18–19	Computer Class, San Francisco
APR 24–26	Appellate Justices Institute, Palm Springs

Note: Computer class students must possess a Serranus identification number to participate.

- Contact: Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), 415-865-7753.

#### Orientation

Orientation programs for new trial court judges, commissioners, and referees are scheduled as follows:

FEB 25–MAR 1                      MAR 18–22                      APR 15–19

Note: Orientation sessions with insufficient enrollment will be canceled. Call CJER for the latest information.

- Contact: CJER, 415-865-7745.

### ADMINISTRATIVE EDUCATION

MAR 4–7	Executive Leadership Institute, Napa
APR 25–26	Appellate Staff Continuing Studies Program, San Diego

- Contact: Administrative Education, 415-865-7745.

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